

Prices go up at Wycombe

DUE to ever increasing costs, Wycombe Wanderers have decided to increase membership and gate charges for the coming season which starts with three friendlies next week.

Ansafone service

WYCOMBE Wanderers F.C., who were inundated with telephone calls last season during their F.A. Cup run, have installed an Ansafone service at Loakes Park, which is operational. The number to ring is High Wycombe 446763.

Supporters will be able to find out results, fixtures and also whether a match is taking place if there is a doubt about the weather.

General Secretary Tony Mahoney will also be recording results of Wycombe's away matches which should be available after 8 p.m. on any Saturday. Mid-week results will be recorded as soon as possible.

Season membership has been increased from £5 to £6.50 while stand seats will in future cost an extra 50p, from £3 to £3.50. Junior membership to the club (under 16) is up £1, from £2.50 to £3.50.

Gate charges are up 10p all round and adults will now have to pay 40p, children 30p, and Old Age Pensioners 20p. The increases were decided last week after a meeting of the committee.

Another decision taken by the committee was to charge the above prices for friendly matches. At the club's A.G.M. earlier this month, there was criticism of the standard of Wycombe's friendly matches, for which members were allowed in free on five occasions. Now the club will charge everyone, including season ticket holders, league prices for entry to friendlies.

Treasurer Roger Lee said this move was taken to cover costs. At friendlies, the gates are shared between the two competing clubs and Wanderers could not afford to allow spectators in free of charge.

Despite making £12,000 profit on the 1974/75 season, Wycombe feel their F.A. Cup windfall will not last long and with costs rising steadily, they had to take steps to counter inflation.

Wanderers home to Staines in first game

ROTHMANS Isthmian League champions Wycombe Wanderers start their defence of the title on August 16 this season with a home game against Division One newcomers Staines Town. Staines won Division Two last term with a record of P34, W23, D2, L9, F65, A 23, Pts 71. They also amassed 15 penalty points and had two men sent off.

On Tuesday August 19, the Blues are again at home, this time to local rivals Slough Town. The first away match is on August 23 when they visit Kingstonian, who beat them 3-2 at Richmond Road last season. The final match is scheduled for Saturday March 27 when Wycombe take on Dulwich Hamlet.

Wanderers have arranged four pre-season friendlies for next month starting with a visit to Wimbledon on Tuesday, August 5. Wimbledon, with several former Isthmian League players in their ranks including Kieron Somers and Roger Connell, won the Southern League Premier Division last season and also had a great run in the F. A. Cup which included a 0-0 draw at Leeds.

Blues' fans will see professional opposition at Loakes Park on Thursday, August 7 when Wycombe entertain Cambridge United from the Fourth Division. Wycombe manager Brian Lee arranged this game with Ron

Atkinson, the Cambridge boss. The third friendly is again at home on Saturday, August 9 when Wanderers meet Cork Celtic, who are managed by former Chelsea star Bobby Tambling. Chelsea helped fix this game for Wycombe who will face opposition that played in Europe last season. The fourth and final friendly is at home to Witney Town, who could include former Wanderer, Ian Rundle, on Monday, August 11.

Wanderers' full Rothmans Isthmian League fixtures are as follows:

AUGUST

Saturday August 16: home to Staines, Tuesday 19: home to Slough Town, Saturday 23: away to Kingstonian, Tuesday 26: away to Hayes, Saturday 30: home to Sutton United.

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday September 2: home to Oxford City, Saturday 6: away to Tooting and Mitcham, Tuesday 9: away to Hendon, Saturday 13: home to Bishop's Stortford, Tuesday 16: away to Southall, Saturday 20: away to Dagenham, Tuesday 23: home to Southall, Saturday 27: home to Enfield, Tuesday 30: away to Slough Town.

OCTOBER

Saturday October 4: away to Hitchin Town, Tuesday 7: home to Hayes, Saturday 11: away to Bishop's Stortford, Tuesday 14: home to Rest of the League, Saturday 18: away to Walthamstow Avenue, Tuesday 21: home to Hendon, Saturday 25: home to Ilford, Wednesday October 29: away to Oxford City.

NOVEMBER

Saturday November 1: away to Barking, Saturday 8: home to Clapton, Saturday 15: away to Leytonstone, Saturday 22: home to Leatherhead, Saturday 29: away to Woking.

DECEMBER

Saturday December 6: away to Staines Town, Saturday 13: home to Kingstonian, Saturday 20: away to Sutton United, Saturday 27: home to Tooting and Mitcham.

JANUARY

Saturday January 3: away to Dulwich Hamlet, Saturday 10: home to Dagenham, Saturday 17: away to Enfield, Saturday 24: home to Hitchin.

FEBRUARY

Saturday February 7: home to Walthamstow Avenue, Saturday 14: away to Ilford, Saturday 21: home to Barking, Saturday 28: away to Clapton.

MARCH

Saturday March 6: home to Leytonstone, Saturday 13: away to Leatherhead, Saturday 20: home to Woking, Saturday 27: home to Dulwich.